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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6796

BILL NUMBER: HB 1116

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BILL AMENDED: Feb 27, 2012

SUBJECT: Military Education and Training.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Borders

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Waterman

BILL STATUS: Enrolled

FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
X **DEDICATED**
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires a state educational institution to adopt a policy to award educational credit to an individual who is enrolled in a state educational institution and successfully completes courses that: (1) are part of the individual's military service; (2) meet the standards of the American Council on Education for awarding academic credit; and (3) meet the state educational institution's role, scope, and mission. It requires that the Commission for Higher Education must adopt rules that establish uniform guidelines for state educational institutions to follow when implementing the requirements.

The bill provides that an occupational or professional licensure board shall issue a license, certificate, registration, or permit to a military service applicant or military spouse who meets certain requirements. It allows a board to issue a temporary practice permit or provisional license while the military service applicant or military spouse is satisfying certain requirements as determined by the board.

Effective Date: July 1, 2012.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Each state educational institution could incur administrative costs associated with verifying that the military courses meet the state educational institution's role, scope and mission. The use of the references from the American Council of Education could substantially reduce the costs.

The bill requires the Commission for Higher Education to adopt rules to implement the program. The cost to the Commission would be done within their current resources.

A state licensing board could incur additional cost associated with verifying that the individual has performed in the occupational specialty at a level that is substantially equivalent or exceeds the board's requirements. It is unknown how many specialties would have to be considered and the time required to verify the specialty.

The bill also allows a military spouse who holds a license in another jurisdiction that has requirements that are substantially equivalent or exceed Indiana's requirements to receive a license from the appropriate board. The cost would be to verify that the requirements in the other jurisdictions are at least equal to Indiana's requirements.

Explanation of State Revenues: The provisions allowing individuals with military service training and their spouses to apply for professional licensure should increase fee revenue by an indeterminable amount.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: State educational institutions, licensing agencies.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: American Council on Education;
<http://www.acenet.edu/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home> .

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